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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3rd-August, through Sunday, 10th-August there were 210 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FW, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5B/C4, CYPRUS

Andy, LZ2HM, will be active as 5B/LZ2HM until August 14th. Activity will be on the HF bands plus 6 meters and possibly VHF/UHF bands. QSL via info on **(QRZ.com)**.
ADDED NOTE: Andy was also active during the WAEDC CW Contest this past weekend as

C4I.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA

Just a reminder that Jean-Louis, F5NHJ, will be active this week as FK/F5NHJ from the main island of Grande Terre (OC-032, DIFO FK-001, WLOTA LH1280) between August 12-29th. Activity will be mainly on CW and the Digital modes on 30 meters. During his stay, Jean Louis will try to activate one or several other FK islands. QSL via his instructions because F5NHJ's addresss is being changed. Also, Jean-Louis will be uploading his log online during his stay at:

http://www.f5nhj.fr/logsearch

He plans to upload his log to the LoTW, when he returns home.

HI9, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Adriano, IK2GNW, is expected to activate Cayo Leventado Island (NA-122) as HI9/IK2GNW between now and August 22nd. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL Manager is I2YSB, only DIRECT (NO ITALIAN BUREAU) to: Borsa Silvano, Viale Capettini 1, 27036 Mortara, Italy (please include 2 USDs or 1 IRC). For more info and log search, please visit:

http://www.i2ysb.com

IOTA NEW

AS-093. Members of the Gwangju DX Club (6L0NJ) will be active as 6L0NJ/4 from the **Huksan Islands,** August 15-18th. Activity will be on all HF bands using SSB, CW and various Digital modes. QSL via HL4XM.

EU-048/
EU-068. Members of the French Sevran ARC (F5KKD) plan to visit the following IOTAs between August 20-24th. The Gulls team will first activate **Belle-Ile-en-Mer** in the Bretagne (Morbihan) Region Group (**EU-048**, AT-015, WLOTA 0872). They will then move to **Sein Island** in the Bretagne (Finistere South West) Region Group (**EU-068**, AT-007, WLOTA 2721). No specific dates were provided. Operators mentioned are David/F4FDA, Dimitri/ F0FLH and Bastien/F4EYQ. They plan to have three stations on the air at the same time, as long as possible. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB and 2 meters. Look for them on the following suggested frequencies: 3755/3693 (+/-1 kHz), 7055/ 7093 (+/-1 kHz), 14260/14193 (+/-1 kHz), 21260/21293 (+/-10 kHz), 28460/28460, (+/-10 kHz) and 144300/144393 (+/-5 kHz). QSL direct to F5KKD: IOTA2008, PO Box 27, F 93270 SEVRAN, France or via the French REF-Union Bureau. The group will have a Web page where they will post updates, logs and pictures after their return at:

http://iota2008.crxcluster.com/

EU-052. Giorgos, SV1HEM, will be active as SV1HEM/8 from **Meganisi Island**, August 13-17th. Activity will be on all the bands from 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will use a Yaesu FT-897D and Kenwood TS-50 into a G5RV (80-10m), a dipole for 6m, a vertical antenna Eco ART-71 and Dentron AT 60-10 antenna tuner. Meganisi is a small island of the Ionian Sea and is 4 nautical miles southeast of Lefkas, KM08IP.

EU-076. Przemek "Mek", SP7VC, will be active as LA/SP7VC from **Lofoten Islands** (Grid JP67) between now and August 15th. Activity will be on 80/40/20 meters using dipole antennas and 700 watt amp, as well as operations on VHF 144.355 MHz (FSK441 Random on MS using 9 element yagi and 1 kW amp). QSL via his home callsign.

EU-095. Members of the EME Phoceen Radio Club (F5KDK) will be active as TM5F from **Frioul Archipelago** between August 15-18th. Activity will be on the HF bands, CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. Operators mentioned are: Jean Michel/F1IKA (SSB and QSL Manager), Michel/F5IVP (CW/SSB/Digi), Eric/F5ODA (CW/SSB), Dave/F5SDD (CW/SSB) and Chris/F6DHI (SSB/Digi). Visit their Web page at:

http://tm5f.free.fr

EU-128. Tim, DE3RPC, will be active as DE3RPC/LH from the Flugge lighthouse (DLTD #19, TWLHD WLH DL-006, WLOL FED-085, Admiralty C1288.1) on **Fehmarn Island** (O-01 for the German Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0637) from August 10-13th. All stations which are logged by him will receive a special lighthouse QSL card automatically via bureau.

EU-136. Matt, S53AU, will be active as 9A/S53AU from **Cres Island** (WLOTA L 0553 (CI-012, MC-056) between now and August 16th. Activity will be "holiday-style" and only on CW on 80-30 meters using a TS-450SAT (w/100 watts) and windom antenna.

EU-189. (Update) Col, MM0NDX, states that currently one of the two available places has been filled for the 2009 **Rockall** operation. If you are interested in joining the Rockall 2009 operation or would like to be added to a standby list should more places become apparent, please contact Col McGowan, MM0NDX at:

hamspirit@hotmail.co.uk

Possible suggested dates are from Tuesday, May 19th to Monday, June 1st (2009). For more details, visit the following Web page at:

http://islandmanrockallexpedition2009.com

JD1, OGASAWARA

Just a reminder that operators Toru/JI5USJ (JD1BLX) and Makoto/JI5RPT (JD1BLY) will be active from Chichijima Island (IOTA **AS-031**) in the **Ogasawara Island** group between August 10-16th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, using satellites, CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns. For more details see:

http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/

JW, SVALBARD

Niels, OZ8KR, will be active as JW/OZ8KR from the capital of Longyearbyen (**EU-026**) for the third time from August 12-17th. Activity will be mostly on SSB on 20 meters (he prefers 14220 and 14260 kHz). QSL via his home callsign.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

ILLW 2008 International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend, August 16-17th.
Details available at: http://illw.net -or- http://illw.org

Updated list of stations to be active during the ILLW can be found at:
http://illw.net/2008_list.htm -- or -- http://illw.org/ILLW-2008-list.htm

The "World Lighthouse On The Air" group has elected the following officers for 2008-2009:

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WLOTA HQ members are:
President      :  Luis Arsene, EA8AY
Vice President:  Norby Oberweis, LX1NO (WLOTA softwares developer)
WLOTA Manager :  Phil Maillard, F5OGG
Secretary/Treasurer: Joel Guiheneuf, F8EZZ
Member         :  Emir Mahmutovic, 9A6AA
Member         :  Anthony Coetmeur, F4EUG
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Members of the Union of Radio Hams of Corunna (URLC) are planning to activate the **"Tower of Hercules" lighthouse** (ARLS SPA-276) during August 15-17th. They will use the callsign AM1TDH. QSL via EA1COW, by the bureau or direct. With this activation they are trying to help the "Tower of Hercules" become a candidate for the oldest working lighthouse in the world and to make the UNESCO's World Heritage list. More info about this activation is available on:
http://www.urlc.net

Look for operators in India from the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club to activate the **Mahabalipuram Lighthouses** (IND 016 [old IND 011]) in the Kancheepuram District for the first time ever during the International Lighthouse-Lightship Week. Activity will take place between August 15-24th, and they will be using the special callsign AT8LH. For more details and the QSL route, check out the info on QRZ.com.
ADDED NOTE: Look for possible lighthouse operations during the weekend from Panaji and Goa State regions. Callsigns to be used are VU2SMS/LH and VU2ROE/LH.

Members of the Strumblehead DX and Contest Group will be active from **Strumblehead Lighthouse** (Loc: IO72LA; WAB: SM84PEM Pembrokeshire; Lighthouse Numbers: A5274, WAL-029 and WLOTA 3811; BARLS member #458) for the ILLW weekend of August 16-17th, using the callsign GB0SH. Look for activity a few days before and after the ILLW with operators using the club callsign MC0SHL. The team will consist of Ant/MW0JZE, Rob/MW0RLJ, Tim/M0URX, Oli/MW3SDO and Chris/G1VDP. Tim (M0URX) will be active as MW0URX and Chris (G1VDP) will be active as GW1VDP before and after the weekend also. A special QSL will be available and the logs will be uploaded to LoTW after the operation. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB with some RTTY by Chris, G1VDP, if time permits. QSLs for GB0SH go via MW0JZE and MC0SHL via M0URX, all others via their home callsigns.

Members of the Swiss Lighthouse Activity Group will be active as HB9LH from **Romanshorn Lighthouse** (ARLHS SWI-005, WASL HB-TG-001, DCS-TG057 and Grid JN47QN) during the ILLW (International Lighthouse/ Lightship Weekend), August 16-17th. Operators mentioned are: Michel/ HB9DLO, Pascal/HB9DWR and Pierre-Yves/HB9OMI. QSL via bureau (USKA) and/or via HB9DLO.

Look for Mike/N8MR, Lynette/KC8NAH and Vincent/KA8FFM to activate **Eagle Harbor Lighthouse** (US0017) during the ILLW (August 16-17th), using the callsign K8E. Modes of operation include HF/VHF, CW/SSB, FM Satellite and possible HF digital. Collectors of

ARLHS numbers can get credit for three upon request: **Eagle Harbor Lighthouse USA-253, Front Range Light USA-254 and Rear Range Light USA-255**. QSL via N8MR direct with #10 SASE or via the bureau. They will also be activating other lighthouses around Michigan's Keweenaw peninsula from August 18-23rd. Main times of operation during the week will be from approximately 2100-0000z. Visit their Web page at:

http://www.kc8nah.com/Interests/EagleHarbor/illw08.htm

Operators Jorge/LU4WG and Pedro/LU7WW will activate for the first time **Punta Tehuelche lighthouse** (ILLW AR-0035, ARLHS ARG-059) for the IILW weekend. Pedro is expected to start the activity on August 11th. QSL (for non-LU stations) direct (w/2 IRCs) to: Casilla de Correo 4 (P.O.Box 4), Puerto Madryn 9120, Prov.Chubut, Argentina or via EA5KB. Stations from Argentina, QSL via LU4WG.

Members of the GPDX, Daniel/PT7BI and Moreira/PT7ZT will be active as homecall/P from the **Mucuripe Lighthouse** (ARLHS BRA-261 and DFB CE-05) in Ceara, Brasil, during the 2008 International Lighthouse- Lightship Weekend.

Operators SP2BIK, SP2BRN, SP2IZC and SP2TQW will be operating from the **historical lighthouse in Gdansk Nowy Port**, Poland, from August 15-18th. They will be using the callsign SN2NP and operate on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via SP2BIK.

Members of the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association will use the special event callsign W1T for one day (August 16th) to activate the **North Tower Lighthouse** (ARLHS USA-1027) on Thacher Island (IOTA NA-148, USI MA001S and Grid FN42rp). Activity will be on 40/20 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via W1GLO: Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association, 6 Stanwood Street, Gloucester, MA 01930 USA (w/SASE). eQSL are available for all contacts.

The Old Barney ARC will operate special event station W2T from the **Tucker's Island Lighthouse** (USA-911) located in the Tuckerton Seaport (http://www.tuckertonseaport.org) on August 16th from 1300-2030z. Operation will be primarily on 40 and 20 meters SSB and local 2 meter FM. QSL via N2OO.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND

Juha, OH9MM, will be active as OH0I during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL via OH3BHL.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Joeke, PA0VDV, will be active as PJ2/PA0VDV from Curacao (**SA-006**), October 2-19th. Activity will be CW only. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

7X5VRK INFO NEEDED. As you may know Mac, W3HC, has retired as QSL Manager and Bob, N2OO, is now distributing most of the QSL cards for callsigns that Mac managed. However, Steve, N3SL, informs OPDX that one of the very active stations his daughter, Kim, has picked up after the retire- ment of Mac, W3HC, is 7X5VRK. He states, "We now have blank cards in hand, but there were no logs of any kind to be found. Published E-mail addresses, to include the most recent address Mac had, has not lead to any response in over 3

weeks. If anyone has a good E-mail route to 7X5VRK, we would certainly appreciate having it. And to all who have sent requests already, QRX. We certainly hope we can obtain logs." Steve's E-mail address is: **N3SL@aol.com**

TJ1GA QSL HELP NEEDED. David, K1LD, informs OPDX, "In January 2004, I worked TJ1GA. I have had no luck with the listed manager (IK2AQZ) after many attempts. Any ideas where to go from here?" His E-mail address is: **cwdxer@comcast.net**

YU8S56M. Dan, S50U, informs OPDX that an on-line logsearch for the recent YU8/S56M Kosovo (DXCC=Serbia) operation can be found at:

http://s50clx.infrax.si

OLD QSL ROUTES. Patrice, F6GCP, provides QSL routes that go back to 1987 on his Web page at:

http://f6gcp.free.fr/qslinfos.htm

QSLS VIA LOTW: CS9T, V63WWA, YL5T and ZD8LII

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4M5IR, 9M6/N1UR, DL3VFN/J3, ET3JA, FO/KH0PR, HC5WW, LU8XW, PE7T/VK9X, R1FJT, S79JE, SD2O, T32Z, TX5C, VP6DX, VP6PR and XR7W

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: None reported this week!

SI9, SWEDEN

Operators Jozef/ON4ACA and Marcel/ON6UQ will be active as SI9AM from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial Amateur Radio Society during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via SI9AM. The operators will be active before and after the contest between October 23-27th. Look for them to be on all bands mainly on CW. Also, look at the special award available for working SI8AM at:

http://www.si9am.se

SILENT KEY

OPDX was informed that Rodrique "Rod" Gagnon, VE2NN, well- known operator in Zone 2 for many years, became a Silent Key due to stomach cancer on July 14th. OPDX and its readers would like to pass on our deepeest sympathy to the family and friends of VE2NN.

TA0, TURKEY

By the time you read this Karl, WA2KBZ, should be active as TA0/WA2KBZ from Buyukada Island, in the Sea of Marmara, until September 1st. Expected activity will be on 40/30/20/17 meters, mostly CW, with a possibility of some 15 meters (if open). He will be semi-QRP with 60 watts to dipole up about 200 feet above the sea hanging from balcony. Karl will start on 30 meters around EDT/CDT supper time. QSL via WA2KBZ.

TC3, TURKEY

Operators Elif/TA3YE (YL) and Can/TA3GO will be active as TC3EC during the CQWW DX

SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-Op/ All-Band entry. QSL via TA3GO.

TC4, TURKEY (Asian Turkey QRV until August 12th)

You still have a few more days to work the special callsign TC4X. However, if you miss it, TC4X will be activated on several occasions during 2008. The new alliance between Turkish and Finnish hams which include OH2BH, OH2PM, OH8NC, TA1HZ and others, are operating from the beautiful seafront city of Mahmutlar in the Antalya Province in Southern Turkey (Asia). More detailed info will be available on: http://www.qrz.com -or- http://tcswat.tripod.com The first activity was between August 5-12th (2008) which included the "Work All European CW Contest (WAEDC). QSL via OH2BH.

VK9C, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS (Update)

Giovanni, I5JHW, will be active as VK9CJW from here between August 22-29th. His operation will be holiday style but with activity on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters using SSB and RTTY. He will be using an amplifier and a multi-band vertical antenna. QSL via home callsign, direct or by the bureau. He now has an online Web page at:

http://www.ik5run.it/vk9cjw.htm

VK9, WILLIS ISLAND (VISIT VK9DWX!)

Chris, DL1MGB, wants to remind everyone that a DXpedition to Willis Island (VK9DWX) will take place in October this year. He states, "For our support we had to charter a second boat which will come in the middle of the DXpedition to Willis Island to support us with fuel, fresh food / drinks, ... As there are some seats unused on this boat, we had the idea of offering a four day trip for 'tourists' to visit our DXpedition. There are still some places left....."
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VISIT VK9DWX - Have you always had the dream not only to work a DXpedition from your home but also to visit the crazy guys on their lonely island? Now your dream comes true!

* 4 day trip with the Rum Runner
* Start: October 15th, 2008, in Cairns, Queensland, Australia
* Finish: October 19th, 2008, in Cairns, Queensland, Australia
* Accomodation onboard the Rum Runner
* Including meals and soft drinks (alcoholic drinks on own account)
* See the VK9DWX operators live at working Pile-Ups (guest operation possible)
* Flight to Cairns is NOT included
* Every guest has to ensure that he is on the Rum Runner in time as we depend on the supplies for our operation
* Costs: EUR 1000,- per person

If you are interested in this exciting trip please contact us via the contact form on our Web site at:

http://willis2008.dl1mgb.com/

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VP8, ANTARCTICA

Ian, VP8DLJ (G0VZM and VP8ROT), will be camping near a mountain called Trident on Adelaide Island this week. He has built an Elecraft K1 tranceiver (QRP CW rig) and states that he has "attempted to learn morse code. I will try most nights to use 40m (7010 kHz) at aproximatly 2200 UTC. If you are near a radio, you might want to listern out for the slow broken morse of VP8DLJ. Note, from my base at Rothera I have had very little luck hearing or transmitting in the last month and therefore; I am not expecting great results. However, it would be fantastic to at least receive a call to my callsign."

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS (Corrected)

Randy, K5SL, will be active as ZF2SI (not ZS2SI) from Grand Cayman until August 16th. Activity will be mostly CW/SSB on 17 meters on 18150 and 18077 kHz. Also, look for him around 0400z on 40 meters CW around 7033 kHz. QSL via his home callsign K5SL.

ZS8, MARION ISLANDS

There is still no activity reported. For updates and the first offical announcement of ZS8T being on the air, please visit the official ZS8T Web site at:

http://zs8t.net

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The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR:

If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ",
please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

PLEASE NOTICE (as of February 12, 2007), NEW ADDRESS CHANGES FOR THE OPDX INTERNET HELP/SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST:

Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com):

http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

ALSO VISIT THE NORTERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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